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**ANNUAL DTV ANCILLARY/SUPPLEMENTARY USE SERVICES REPORT
FOR DIGITAL TELEVISION STATIONS (FCC FORM 317)
DUE DECEMBER 3, 2012¹**

The Media Bureau reminds digital television stations that their Annual DTV Ancillary/Supplementary Use Services Report for Digital Television Stations (FCC Form 317) are due on or before **December 3, 2012**.

Who Must File

The following digital television stations must submit FCC Form 317:

- A licensee of a digital commercial or noncommercial educational full power television, low power television, television translator or Class A television station.
- A permittee operating pursuant to digital special temporary authority of a commercial or noncommercial educational full power television, low power television, television translator or Class A television station.

FCC Form 317

The above-outlined digital television stations must submit a separate FCC Form 317 for each station detailing whether they provided “ancillary or supplementary services” at any time during the twelve month period ending on September 30, 2012. Specifically, these digital television stations must include in their annual report: (A) a brief description of the ancillary or supplementary services provided; (B) which services were feeable; (C) whether any services provided were not subject to a fee; (D) the gross revenues received from all feeable services provided during the applicable period; and (E) the amount of bitstream used to provide services during the applicable period.” In addition, all DTV stations providing feeable services must remit a fee of five percent of the gross revenues derived from such feeable services, as defined by the rules.²

All Stations Must File

¹ Annual DTV Ancillary/Supplementary Use Services Reports (FCC Form 317) are due December 1st each year. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.624(g)(2). This year, December 1st falls on a Saturday, and therefore, FCC Form 317 is due on December 3, 2012. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.4.

² See 47 C.F.R. § 73.624(g); 47 U.S.C. § 336(e).

All of the above-outlined digital television stations must submit FCC Form 317 by December 3, 2012 even if they did not provide ancillary or supplementary services.

Section 73.624(g) of the rules states that: "[f]ailure to file *regardless of revenues from ancillary or supplementary services or provision of such services* may result in appropriate sanctions."³

Submission of FCC Form 159 and Payment of Fee

DTV stations with feeable ancillary or supplementary services must also file an FCC Form 159 certifying the amount of gross revenues received from feeable ancillary or supplementary services for the previous twelve months, ending September 30, 2012, and remitting payment of the required fee.

Requirement of Electronic Filing

FCC Form 317 must be filed electronically using the Media Bureau's Consolidated Database System (CDBS). Paper-filed Form 317s will not be accepted. Instructions for use of the electronic filing system are available in the CDBS User's Guide, which can be accessed from the electronic filing web site at: http://licensing.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/cdbs_ug.htm. For assistance with electronic filing, call the Media Bureau Help Desk at (202) 418-2662.

Additional Information

For additional information or questions, please contact Shaun Maher of the Video Division, Media Bureau at (202) 418-2324.

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 73.624(g)(2) (*emphasis added*).